THE PUNISHMENT OF CRIMINALS.

The Dark Cell Has No Terrors for a Des-

perado-Hanging Up by the Wrists. perado—Hanging Up by the Wrists.

"The dark cell is not an adequate punishment for a desperado," says Mr. Baker, superintendent of the New York state prisons. "Why, I have known prisoners to get fat by being confined in the dark cell on a diet of bread and water. They seem to curl up and go to sleep contentedly, like a hibernating animal. Some less passive infliction is needed to bring them to terms. Let me illustrate: I once visited one of our state prisons, where a big hulking ruffian with an iron bar split open the skull of a slender youth against whom he conceived some grudge. The latter should not have been sent to the prison at all—a reformatory was the place for him, but reformatory was the place for him, but there he lay with a fractured head. It was shortly after I had abolished the use of the shortly after I had abolished the use of the paddle; and, by the way, I had discovered the law and had issued my order before Grover Cleveland informed me he had found the same statute. Well, the burly ruffian who felled the boy had no dread of paddling. He was insolent and deflant; the dark cell possessed no terrors for him. The convict sent to that dungeon always determines the duration of his own stay there, for he is let out when he becomes aubmissive.

"Well, I sent for the oldest keeper in the jail and I asked him if he could suggest some punishment not inhibited by law. After mature reflection he replied that he After mature reflection he replied that he had once been in the navy, and would recommend hanging up by the wrists. I got him to rig his apparatus, and I tested it by having him hang myself up. What doubts I entertained as to its efficacy were speedily dissipated by a brief experience. I was not hurt, but I was awfully glad to sit down. Then I sent for the thug. He entered deflant, and laughed at the ordeal before him. With a slip-knot adjusted to his wrists, he was soon hoisted until his toes touched the ground.

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"At first he laughed. After a little he began to blaspheme most savagely. A little while longer and he yielded, then wept and whined and begged for mercy, promising to behave forevermore like a cherub. When let down he dropped in a heap like a bag of rags. In less than fif-teen minutes from being taken from his bench he was taken back there with no inpury done to him, yet a thoroughly cowed brute, who always behaved well afterward. It was a salutary discipline, and I believe in it."—Chicago Journal.

A Remedy for Facial Neuralgia. A prescribed remedy for neuralgia in the face is an application of oil of pepper-mint. In a case of neuralgia complicated with catarrh, which came under my observation, two or three slight applications in the attacks of pain gave entire relief. But it should be understood that neuralgia But it should be understood that neuralgal is rather a symptom than a disease. The root of the trouble is innutrition from some cause; it may be in the quality of food, or it may be in lack of power of assimilation. A cure can only be effected by beefsteak or its equivalent, pure air and exercise, with whatever else will improve the appetite and promote digestion. prove the appetite and promote digestion.

—Cor. Boston Transcript.

State Documents as Waste Paper. The authorities at Venice have discovered that ex-Commander Sandri, of the arsenal, to keep up a supply of small change, has been in the habit of selling important state documents as waste pa-

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